



**“We were dealing with infertility, so a crisis pregnancy clinic was the furthest thing from our minds. But the Lord worked through (these birth families) to get to our family. He plopped FirstChoice Clinic right into the middle of our story.”**

*– Pam Ressler, adoptive mom*



Pam Ressler can't say enough kind things about FirstChoice Clinic – not to mention the intricate way God brought FirstChoice Clinic to her family's attention.

Prior to August 2009, she and her husband, Rob, of Cooperstown, N.D., had only heard FirstChoice Clinic mentioned in passing. Though they assumed it was a wonderful organization, they couldn't conceive of how huge an impact it would have on their lives.

The Ressler family has adopted two sons. Through each of their sons' stories, but in distinctly separate ways, FirstChoice Clinic has become an indelible part of their family history.

Pam discovered this right after they adopted their first son, Dominic. “I was visiting with Dominic's birth grandmother one day, and it's amazing how everything came together,” Pam said, “Oh my goodness, the Lord just had this totally and completely planned out!”

As it turns out, Dominic's birth

grandmother had been at a Knights of Columbus meeting the spring prior to his adoption. The guest speaker, representing FirstChoice Clinic, was also a birth grandmother who'd stood by her daughter as she placed her child for adoption several years earlier. Through hearing this story, the future grandmother's heart became open to the fruits of adoption, though she had no idea how relevant that information would turn out to be just a few months later. One evening her son called to announce that he and his girlfriend were pregnant and had decided on adoption for their child. “If not for that presentation from FirstChoice Clinic,” Pam said, “the seed that prepared (the birth grandmother) for what was going to be coming down the road wouldn't have been planted.”

Their second son, Shane, also has a FirstChoice Clinic connection, as Pam discovered after talking to his birth mom following his arrival in late 2010. “She was telling me she went to FirstChoice Clinic when she found out she was pregnant. Her first ultrasound was done there,” Pam said. “So...

FirstChoice Clinic facilitated a part of both of our adoptions. If that isn't the most amazing thing...It's like the Lord is saying, “You need to help promote this place!””

Pam marvels at the precious gifts God has placed in her and Rob's arms. “To think their birth moms could have chosen to end their pregnancies. I mean, look at these two energetic, smart little boys,” she said. “Adoption, once you go through it, it's so amazing to see how the Lord has a plan. And you might have no clue about it, but if you wait to do things His way, He'll show you how awesome it is.”

The Ressler family story shows us how truly small the world is and how we are all parts of God's plan. It also affirms what we do; the “we” being all of us at FirstChoice Clinic – staff, volunteers and supporters like you. It takes all of us to help make stories like the Ressler's a reality. With your continued support we will continue to make a difference in the world as we go forward, doing His work.